
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 71

AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR BOATING AND HUNTING SAFETY.

SUMMARY:

This bill (1) requires boating or hunting, trapping, and archery safety courses to be provided on-line or in a classroom and (2) allows personal watercraft safety courses to be provided on-line or in a classroom. Currently, the law permits the courses to be provided by any means, but regulations require boating safety courses to include at least eight hours of classroom instruction and personal watercraft safety courses to be conducted in a classroom (Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 15-140f-1 and 15-140j-2).

The bill allows anyone authorized to conduct hunting or archery courses to charge a course fee. Current law prohibits such a fee, but allows instructors to charge a fee for trapping courses.

The bill requires the energy and environmental protection commissioner to develop on-line and classroom boating and hunting, trapping, and archery safety courses and permits him to adopt regulations to establish the content of on-line or classroom personal watercraft safety courses. Current law requires him to formulate courses generally and allows him to adopt regulations to develop the content of any personal watercraft safety courses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 241, which the Environment Committee reported favorably, similarly (1) requires hunting, trapping, and archery safety courses to be provided on-line or in a classroom and (2) allows anyone

authorized to conduct hunting or archery courses to charge a course fee, but makes the changes effective October 1, 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 7 (02/28/2014)